

I am a residential DSL user and am opposed to BellSouth's petition to end regulation of broadband service. The telcos' internet service is insufficient for many telecommuters, for people who host a personal website from their homes, and generally for anybody who expects superior service and good technical support. Independent ISPs fill in this gap. Innovations such as spam-filtering, VoIP, and wireless hotspot hosting have been pioneered by independent ISPs and only later adopted by the telcos, if at all. Allowing the telcos to monopolize DSL will stifle future innovation. Consumers will be hurt if there is less competition -- please DENY BellSouth's petition.